

HOSPICE

Auxiliary of Orange & Sullivan

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Coming up.....

Ongoing: White Sale

Dear Fellow Hospice Auxiliary Member,

I have a confession to make: I struggled to come up with an appropriate message for this December issue of The Hotline.

After many scratched out lines and balled up pieces of paper I realized that the message, although not new, is one that despite being very old is the same:

PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO ALL!!!

Sue Wilk

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



The Kaplan Residence took on a festive look for the holidays, thanks to the joyful efforts of the Auxiliary Decorating Committee. A new menorah, as well as other appropriate symbols, was added for the Hanukkah celebration.

The traditional Christmas tree brought sparkle to the house and was warmly welcomed by the residents and visitors alike.

Members of the committee included (l to R): Rochelle Klugman, Lauren Naru, Barbara Naru, Laura Smith, Bonnie DiLorenzo, Mary Bonura, Ann Smith, Beatrice Watkins, and Carol Ziegler.



Decorating the Residence Tree from top to bottom! Lauren and Laura brought cheer to all.

In this Season of Giving, there is perhaps no greater opportunity to help others than by the gift of volunteering. The Auxiliary supports Hospice through funding and activities; being a Hospice Volunteer requires another level of sacrifice and compassion:

Hospice Volunteer Opportunities in Orange and Sullivan Counties

Hospice volunteers are important members of the hospice family team providing support to persons on hospice and their family. Bereavement support is provided by a volunteer who listens to the bereft after the loss of their loved one. Volunteers share skills and interests in a manner that provides comfort and enriches the quality of life for those served, such as:

- Companionship
- Caregiver relief
- Letter-writing or journaling/video messages
- Assistance with hobbies or crafts
- Help organizing paperwork
- Playing card or board games
- Celebrating special occasions
- Being a friend



Vigil Volunteers

Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties offers a Hospice Vigil at the bedside. This kind of support provides compassion, comfort, understanding and presence at the bedside during the final hours of life. The vigil volunteer offers emotional, spiritual and practical support to caregivers during the final hours. Our volunteers know first-hand how hospice care can add meaning and purpose to the lives of persons on hospice, their family and friends.



Volunteer Training: Spring 2016

Where: Middletown, NY – Location to be determined

WHEN: Wednesdays' 10:00-5:00

4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

The primary role of our volunteer is to provide companionship and or caregiver relief to persons on Hospice and their families. We offer various areas of volunteering within our organization. One of which is office support in both Newburgh & Middletown locations.

Veterans, persons in the community that are bilingual and Snow Birds welcome to apply and interview. Accepting calls from interested parties on an ongoing basis even when training is filled or past deadline. Once the prospective volunteer has graduated from the training he or she are encouraged to provide volunteer support in and around the geographic area of which you reside.

Interested persons may contact Director of Volunteer Services, Debra Epstein, at (845) 565-4849 or debrae@hospiceoforange.com

Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc. always has volunteer opportunities for those wish to provide support for the dying and their caregivers and families. We offer various areas of volunteering within our organization. When the prospective volunteer has graduated from the training, they can provide support in the geographic location in which they reside.

All interested community members are welcome. Hospice also welcomes prospective volunteers who are veterans, bilingual and/or Snow Birds.



The White Sale

Wondering how you can help Hospice? There are many patients who receive Hospice care at home. Many patients are in need of bed sheets and mattress pads. The Auxiliary provides these supplies throughout the year. Any donation, no matter how small, will make a huge difference to the comfort of these patients and peace of mind to their care givers.

Please send your donation to The White Sale c/o the Hospice Auxiliary today.

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